

REMARKS

Status of the Present Invention

Claims 1-18, 20, 21 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-15 are allowed.

Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyd et al. (US patent 5,667,197).

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd et al.

Discussion of Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In response thereto, Applicants hereby amend the independent claim 16 as a dependant claim 16 depended on the independent claim 9, which is allowable in the Office Action.

As admitted by the Examiner, Boyd et al. discloses a sealed chamber comprising a first plate 404, a second plate 306 and a sealing ring, wherein the first plate and the second plate produce a sealed space through the sealing ring after evacuating the air inside, see column 5, lines 38-50. However, in rejecting the claim 16, the first plate 404 and the second plate just are used to cover on the top face and the bottom face of the side wall 406 around the channel 442, but not to dispose the first plate and the second plate. Therefore, Applicant has amended claim 16 depended on claim 9 to have all features of the claim 9, and further defines that “the first and the second carrier plate combine as a sealed chamber after evacuating the air inside, and the sealed chamber is suitable for assembling the first and second plates together at a pressure below the

atmospheric, wherein the air pressure in the sealed chamber is reduced to a first pressure before assembling the first and second plates, and the air pressure in the sealed chamber is reduced to a second pressure by a air-evacuating device after assembling the first and second plates, and the second pressure is larger than the first pressure. ” Applicant believes that the claimed invention is unknown and no

suggestion or teaching in the Boyd et al. for an original person skilled in the art.

In addition, the subject matter of the claims 16-18 and 20-21 are amended as the same with the subject matter of the claim 9.

As such, claims 16-18 and 20-21 depended on the allowable claim 9 are submitted to be novel and unobvious over Boyd et al., or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending Claims 1-18 and 20-21 are in proper condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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